

## PROCESS FOR SYNTHESIZING L- -METHYLENE GLUTAMIC ACID AND ANALOGS

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for synthesizing substantially enantiomerically pure L-amino acids,  
5 particularly L- -methylene glutamic acid, and esters and salts thereof. The process includes the derivatization of (2S)-pyroglutamic acid, and the decyclization of the resulting derivative to form the desired end product.